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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith in the above-referenced patent application are an Amendment and an Associate Power of Attorney.

Original Claims 8-11 have been withdrawn and dependent Claim 21 has been added by the present amendment. It is therefore believed that this amendment does not warrant any additional fee. Nevertheless, if a fee is deemed necessary, it is pointed out that the New Application Transmittal form of January 31, 2002 authorized payment of any additional fees during pendency of the application including presentation of extra claims by charge to Deposit Account No. 01-1425.

Respectfully submitted,

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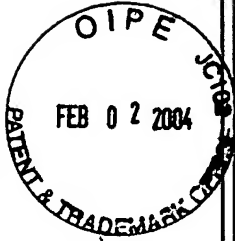
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 31, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application using the below instructions and consider the remarks in a favorable light.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, the amendment to the claims and a complete listing of all claims in the application begin on a separate sheet to facilitate separate indexing and electronic scanning of each part of the amendment document for placement in an e-file wrapper. As required, only the claim number and status indicate the withdrawn claims. Due to the length of the text of all pending claims, the amendment is placed in the below Appendix and incorporated herein by reference. Kindly amend the claims as highlighted therein.

This amendment removes the nonelected subject matter from the claims and improves the readability of the claims to expedite prosecution towards an early allowance. Other minor, obvious typographical or clerical errors are also corrected. For example, the comma has been changed to a period at the end of Claims 14 and 15, and dependent Claims 13-16 and 18-20 begin with "The" instead of "A" for consistency with Claims 2-7. In addition, the readability of "step a" has been improved in Claim 1 by switching reactant and solvent in accordance with the specification on page 3, lines 5-7 and 29-31; the lower temperature range in Claims 18 and 20 is changed from about 65°C to read "about 60°C" in accordance with page 8, lines 22 to 23; and Claim 21 is added to embrace the preferred water:1-methyl-2-pyrrolidinone ratio of about 4:1 (wt:wt) in accordance with page 8, line 7. Thus, the present amendment does not add new matter to the application.